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West Germany: Bonn may be edging toward approval of the US-Soviet draft nuclear nonproliferation treaty (NPT), but there is still strong opposition within the government.

Two leading opponents of the NPT have softened their public utterances recently, perhaps to conform to government policy of avoiding a negative stand that could be exploited by Moscow. Finance Minister Strauss announced that acceptance of the treaty would not cause a break in the Bonn coalition, thereby dispelling rumors that his opposition might break up the government. Defense Committee Chairman Zimmermann, a leading spokesman for the hard-line Christian Social Union--the Bavarian wing of the Christian Democratic Union--dropped part of his remarks attacking the treaty during the 14 March parliamentary debate and did not announce the CSU's official opposition to the NPT, as had been expected.

Despite these signs of softening in opposition to the treaty, it is likely that criticism and debate will continue because the opponents have not altered their objection to its substance.

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Guatemala: Terrorism in Guatemala City continues and is likely to increase during the coming weeks.

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25X1 [redacted] the Archbishop of Guatemala--missing since Saturday-- has been kidnapped. The perpetrators have not yet been identified.

In order to counteract further disturbances, the government has again extended the "state of alarm" for 30 days. [redacted]

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